

1 [Dyslexia Awareness Month - October]

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3 **Resolution recognizing every October as “Dyslexia Awareness Month” in the City and**  
4 **County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, Dyslexia is defined as an unexpected difficulty in reading and learning  
7 difference for an individual; and

8 WHEREAS, Most commonly caused by a difficulty in phonological processing (the  
9 appreciation of the individual sounds of spoken language), which affects the ability of an  
10 individual to speak, read, spell, and often, the ability to learn a second language; and

11 WHEREAS, Dyslexia is the most common learning disability and affects 80 to 90  
12 percent of all individuals with a learning disability; and

13 WHEREAS, Dyslexia is persistent and highly prevalent, affecting as many as 1 out of  
14 every 5 individuals; and

15 WHEREAS, Dyslexia is a paradox, in that any individual with dyslexia may have both  
16 weaknesses in decoding that result in difficulties with accurate or fluent word recognition and  
17 strengths in higher-level cognitive functions, such as reasoning, critical thinking, concept  
18 formation and problem solving; and

19 WHEREAS, Great progress has been made in understanding dyslexia on a scientific  
20 level, including the epidemiology and cognitive and neurobiological bases of dyslexia; and

21 WHEREAS, The achievement gap between typical readers and dyslexic readers  
22 occurs as early as first grade; and

23 WHEREAS, Early screening and early diagnosis of, dyslexia are critical for ensuring  
24 that individuals with dyslexia receive focused, evidence-based intervention that leads to fluent

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1 reading, the promotion of self-awareness and self-empowerment, and the provision of  
2 necessary accommodations that ensure success in school and in life; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco recognizes every October as  
4 Dyslexia Awareness Month; and, be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco recognizes that  
6 dyslexia has significant educational implications that must be addressed; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco designates  
8 October 2021 as “Dyslexia Awareness Month.”

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